CLAIMS

1.   A data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through a network, said data-providing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means for acquiring a scenario consisting of a plurality of scenes, each lasting for a given time, in response to a demand made by the data-processing apparatus;

second acquisition means for acquiring a given number of image data items that will be used in the scenario, in response to a demand made by the data-processing apparatus;

means for selecting prescribed ones of the image data items acquired by the second acquisition means and for allocating the prescribed image data items to the scenes of the scenario acquired by the first acquisition means; and

correction means for correcting the image data items selected in accordance with the prescribed image data items that have been allocated to the scenes of the scenario.

2.   The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein prescribed special effects are allocated to the prescribed ones of the scenes of the scenario, and the apparatus further comprises effect-applying means for applying the special effects to the image data items allocated to the scenes.

3.   The data-providing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising

transmission control means for controlling the transmission of the image data generated by applying the special effects to the image data items by the effect-applying means.

4.   The data-providing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising recording control means for controlling the recording of the image data generated by applying the special effects to the image data items by the effect-applying means.

5.   The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first acquisition means acquires a scenario selected from a plurality of scenarios.

6.   The data-providing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein different pieces of music are allocated to the plurality of scenarios.

7.   The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second acquisition means acquires the image data items supplied from the data-processing apparatus.

8.   The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second acquisition means acquires the image data items supplied from another data-processing apparatus.

9.   A data-providing method for use in a data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through a network, said data-providing method comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring a scenario consisting of a plurality of scenes, each lasting for a given time, in response to a demand made by the data-processing

apparatus;

a second acquisition step of acquiring a given number of image data items that will be used in the scenario, in response to a demand made by the data-processing apparatus;

a step of selecting prescribed ones of the image data items acquired in the second acquisition step and for allocating the prescribed image data items to the scenes of the scenario acquired in the first acquisition step; and

a correction step of correcting the image data items selected in accordance with the prescribed image data items that have been allocated to the scenes of the scenario.

10. A program-storing medium which stores a computer-readable program, the program being for use in a data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through a network, the program comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring a scenario consisting of a plurality of scenes, each lasting for a given time, in response to a demand made by the data-processing apparatus;

a second acquisition step of acquiring a given number of image data items that will be used in the scenario, in response to a demand made by the data-processing apparatus;

a step of selecting prescribed ones of the image data items acquired in the second acquisition step and for allocating the prescribed image data items to the scenes

of the scenario acquired in the first acquisition step; and

a correction step of correcting the image data items selected in accordance with the prescribed image data items that have been allocated to the scenes of the scenario.